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Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/75 H of 15 December 1994, 50/70 C of 12 December 1995, 51/45 G of 10 December 1996 and 52/38 K of 9 December 1997,

Bearing in mind the recent nuclear tests which pose the challenge to international efforts to strengthen the global regime of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Looking forward to the early entry into force of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II) and welcoming the Joint Statement on Parameters on Future Reduction of Nuclear Forces issued by President Clinton of the United States of America and President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation,

Welcoming efforts of other nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals, most recently by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Welcoming also the accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by Brazil,

Reaffirming the conviction that further advancement in nuclear disarmament will contribute to consolidating the international regime for nuclear non-proliferation ensuring international peace and security,

Welcoming further the decision of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva to establish an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator in 1995 and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

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1. *Reaffirms* the importance of achieving the universality of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and calls upon States not parties to the Treaty to accede to it without delay and without conditions;

2. *Reaffirms* also the importance for all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to fulfil their obligations under the Treaty;

3. *Calls for* the determined pursuit by the nuclear-weapon States of systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons, and by all States of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control;

4. *Recognizes* that, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons, it is important and necessary to pursue such actions as reflected below:

– the early signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty by all States with a view to its early entry into force, and cessation of nuclear tests pending its entry into force;

– the early conclusion of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament, on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator and the mandate contained therein;

– multilateral discussions on possible future steps on nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation;

– the early entry into force of START II and the early commencement and conclusion of negotiations for START III by the Russian Federation and the United States of America;

– further efforts by the five nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals unilaterally and through their negotiations;

5. *Invites* the nuclear-weapon States to keep the Members of the United Nations duly informed of the progress or efforts made for nuclear disarmament;

6. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts in the dismantlement of nuclear weapons, and notes the importance of the safe and effective management of the resultant fissile materials;

7. *Calls upon* all States to redouble their efforts to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, *inter alia*, nuclear weapons, confirming and strengthening, if necessary, their policies not to export equipment, materials or technology that could contribute to those weapons;

8. *Also calls upon* all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to make their best efforts for the success of the next Review Conference, which will be held in the year 2000;

9. *Encourages* continued serious discussions on nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament in appropriate forums.